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SUBJECT: FRENCH CANDIDATE FOR ENERGY SECRETARIAT

REF: USOECD 30749

1. LANTZKE HAS CONCLUDED ON BASIS OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH USDEL (AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS) THAT AUDIGIER IS NOT APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR FOR LONG-TERM COOPERATION IN IEA/OECD JOINT ENERGY SECRETARIAT. FRENCH HAVE RETURNED TO HIM TO PRESS QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WOULD BE OBJECTION TO FRENCH OFFICE DIRECTOR ON PRINCIPLE OR ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. FRENCH HAVE SAID THEY ARE WILLING TO PUT FORWARD VERY WELL-

QUALIFIED CANDIDATE IF THERE IS NO SUCH OBJECTION, BUT THEY ARE UNWILLING TO INDICATE HIS NAME UNTIL QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN ANSWERED. LANTZKE HAS INDICATED HE KNOWS CANDIDATE, WHO IS GOF OFFICIAL WHO FITS NEEDED QUALIFICATIONS.

2. WE TOLD LANTZKE IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION WASHINGTON DID NOT HAVE OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE BUT WE DID NOT YET HAVE FORMAL REPLY TO HIS EARLIER QUESTION (REFTEL). WE SAID CRUCIAL POINT SEEMED TO BE THAT ANY FRENCH CANDIDATE SHOULD BE WELL-QUALIFIED, CONSTRUCTIVE, INDEPENDENT OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT, AND ABLE TO WORK WELL
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WITH LANTZKE, TO WHICH LANTZKE AGREED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: US RESPONSE TO LANTZKE'S QUESTION
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